



A PRETTY HOWDY DO.

Members of the Cheng Tu Commission Virtually Prisoners.

COMMANDER NEWELL TO RESCUE.

Has Gone to Consult the U. S. Consul About the Matter

OF THE CONFINEMENT AND DANGER.

And Ascertain Whether It Would Not be Advisable to Land Marines to Protect Him and Other Members of the Investigating Commission—Indignation of Foreigners Over the Appointment of Viceroy Li, who is Regarded as the Instigator of the Recent Outrages—State Department Says They Have Good Cause for Complaint—Chinese Converts Were Butchered in the Massacres.

LONDON, August 23.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says that the commission which recently went to Foo Chow for Cheng-Tu in order to investigate the recent massacre of missionaries there are virtually prisoners, and that Commander Newell, of the United States cruiser Detroit, has gone to Cheng-Tu to consult with Mr. J. C. Hixson, the United States consul at Foo Chow, who is the leading member of the commission, about the landing of marines for his protection and for the protection of the other members of the commission.

Another dispatch received here from Shanghai says that many Chinese converts were butchered when the American mission outside of Foo Chow was attacked and the chapel and school wrecked by an infuriated mob, as exclusively cabled by the Associated Press from Hong Kong early during the morning of August 22.

The dispatch adds that the Chinese officials are jubilant at the defeat of the American and British consuls to obtain an open inquiry into the massacres. It is also said that the delay in giving the Chinese time to prepare a defense for the prisoners.

GREAT INDIGNATION

Expressed Over the Appointment of Viceroy Li on the Commission.

LONDON, August 23.—A dispatch from Shanghai published in the Pall Mall Gazette, this afternoon, says that the most disaffection and indignation prevails among the members of the foreign colony at the appointment of the formerly degraded Viceroy Li, who is regarded as being the instigator of the Cheng-Tu riots, to investigate the recent outrages and the causes thereof.

HAVE CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT.

The Degraded Viceroy, it is Believed, Instigated the Riots.

WASHINGTON, August 23.—It is said at the state department that if the report is true that Viceroy Li has been appointed to investigate the Cheng-Tu riots, then the foreigners have good cause for complaint. If the report be true it is probable both the British and American governments will protest. Viceroy Li was governor of the province in which Cheng-Tu is situated, and he was said to have been guilty of gross negligence, which by some persons was regarded as amounting to complicity in the Cheng-Tu riots of last June. There are a great many men in China named Li, and it is thought possible that there has been a confusion of names.

REPORT DISCREDITED

By the State Department—Say England is Playing a Game.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 23.—It is said here that Ku Cheng if meant wherever Cheng-Tu is used in the London dispatch, as Cheng-Tu is the scene of the June riots and is 1,400 miles from Foo Chow. Naval officials, though without information themselves, are inclined to discredit the information in the dispatch.

Acting Secretary McAdoo said it was observed that dispatches of this character came by way of London, while another high naval official said that there was an evident intention on the part of Great Britain in the whole Ku Cheng affair to get the United States to pull elephants out of the fire, and pointed to the fact that there did not seem to be any anxiety on the part of Great Britain to send troops, or to be in undue haste to force an explanation.

MERELY PRE-TEXT.

The Chinese Legation on the Strained Situation at Cheng Tu.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 23.—The presumption among the officials at the Chinese legation is that the protection by the commission referred to is from mob violence. The officials, however, express the opinion that ample protection will be afforded by the local authorities without the intervention or assistance from other governments.

It is not believed at the legation that the central government at Peking would permit the landing of marines at the place where the investigation is to be conducted. There is, however, no news at the legation in regard to the statements in the dispatch and, indeed, there has been no information received verifying the report of the appointment of a commission of investigation.

Always Has a Move On.

TELE. N. Y., August 24.—The Standard says editorially to-day: Within a little more than an hour after the Milwaukee fire began yesterday afternoon, a comprehensive account of its origin, development and surroundings to the efforts of the firemen of Milwaukee was in the Standard office, another tribute to the swiftness of the Associated Press. Consequently the readers of the last edition of the Standard knew everything

RUSTIC TRAIN ROBBER.

He Was Engaged in the Late Overland Hold Up.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOUND

In the Farmer's House, White Smith and Wesson Cartridges Were Found in all His Pockets—Two Hundred Men on Horses and in Buggies With the Aid of Bloodhounds Scouring the Country for the Remainder of the Gang.

OMAHA, NEB., August 23.—A special to the Bee from Gothenburg, Neb., says: Deputy Sheriff Strahl arrested a suspicious character about thirty-five miles northwest of this city Thursday at 1 o'clock. With a posse he followed the trail of the robbers to a farm house, about thirty-five miles northwest of this place, and at a point about five miles northwest of Arnold, they arrested George G. Ostrand as being connected with the late train robbery.

At his home was found a large sized 38 calibre Smith & Wesson revolver that had been used lately. In searching his clothes, Smith & Wesson cartridges were found in all his pockets. Ostrand was brought to Gothenburg and taken to North Platte, where he was identified by the engineer as the man who held him up.

A special train containing a car of horses and a second car of buggies was run from North Platte to Brady Island this morning and more than two hundred men were sent into the country north of Brady. Every effort is being made to capture the robbers. Detachments have been sent out from Arnold, Broken Bow and Callaway and it seems impossible for the robbers to escape. A man was seen Thursday about twenty-five miles north of Brady that had been badly cut in a wire fence and several detachments have been sent after him. Superintendent Sutcliffe, of Omaha, and Parks and special claim agent John Knuth, of North Platte, also W. F. Kennedy, United States Marshal at White, W. L. Ledyard, of Rushville and Patterson, United States Deputy Marshals are on the scene and have gone north. A trained bloodhound was shipped to Kennedy, superintendent of the Omaha division, to point this morning. He was warranted to be a Siberian bloodhound and to be able to scent the track of a bandit in seventy-two hours after leaving.

The dog is the property of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway and is valued at \$5,000. He was taken to Brady, where he was turned loose with a set of Texas bloodhounds, and they expect to capture the whole gang inside of forty-eight hours, if last night's rain does not foil their plan.

A COOL DESPERADO

Who is Thought to Have Been at the Head of a Train Robbery.

CHICAGO, August 23.—The noted desperado, Pat Crowe, is thought here to have been the leader of the gang which held up the Union Pacific overland flyer between Brady Island and Gothenburg Tuesday night.

Attorney Foster, who defended Crowe for the shooting of Policemen Linville and Briscoe in this city in 1893, saw and conversed with him here July 8. Crowe at that time attempted to borrow sufficient money to take him to Omaha. That he was on the lookout for just such a job is evident from his conversation with his former lawyer. According to Policeman Linville he told Mr. Foster he was in the train robbing business. "If the only light left open for me now," he said, "I can't tell me the price of a ticket to Omaha?"

WAGE SCALE SETTLED

And Flint Glass Workers Will Resume September 15.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 23.—The prescription department, the most important branch of the flint glass workers scale, was settled to-day by the workers agreeing to an advance of four per cent, instead of the nine and half per cent demanded. It is intended by the manufacturers to start their factories on September 15, which is a month later than they are usually started. The wages of about eight thousand men are affected by the settlement.

Green Glass Workers' Conference.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 23.—The wage conference between the green glass manufacturers and workers was continued to-day. The greater part of the day was given to the classification of lists, there being a number of new styles and sizes to consider. The factory rules were reached late in the afternoon, and to-morrow morning the wage and apprentice question will be taken up. The compromise in the flint workers' scale will have an effect in the settlement of the wages of the green glass men, and it is probable that an advance of seven per cent, half of what is demanded, will be allowed. The conference will continue into next week.

Highest Since 1899.

PITTSBURGH, August 23.—Pig iron advanced \$1 in the last three days and is now quoted at \$15.50 per ton, which is the highest point it has reached since 1899, when it sold at \$24.50. As pig iron is the basis of all grades of iron and steel, there will be a general rise in prices. Manufacturers say that the price of pig iron is so high that the danger line has been reached and that if it goes higher the market will be flooded with the foreign product.

Clothing Operatives Strike Won.

Boston, August 23.—According to the union officers the strike of the clothing operatives is virtually won, and union conditions and wages will henceforth be the rule in this city.

A Clayville Celebration.

WASHINGTON, Pa., August 23.—Local Presbyterians are interested in the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Clayville church, which will occur on September 20. The venerable Rev. James L. Brownson, D. D., of Washington, and Rev. G. W. F. Birch, D. D., of New York, the latter

famous as the prosecutor in the celebrated Briggs heresy case, are among the speakers for the occasion. The original building was frame, but was replaced in 1830 by the present brick structure.

RUSH OF FLAMES.

Forest Fires Raging With Fury in Eastern Washington.

SPOKANE, WASH., August 23.—Rain has been falling at intervals during the past two days, temporarily checking the forest fires, but to-night the flames have again broken out afresh. Many camps and prospectors who have been out in the forests are arriving here daily and tell stories of being overtaken by the fierce rush of the flames and compelled to flee for safety. Immense trees, which have stood for centuries succumbed to the destroyer. Those who have witnessed the fires say that the sight of these huge blazing trees as they topple over with a noise of thunder, presents a scene both grand and terrible. Animals of every kind can be seen flying before the flames and in numerous instances, deer, becoming bewildered with fright, will turn and rush headlong into the fierce furnace of flame to their destruction.

Priest Lake, in northern Idaho, is now surrounded by the fires, and the settlers are compelled to leave nearly everything behind and escape in boats by way of the lake. All along the Salmon river the miners have made their way out by trail to the railroad at Northport, leaving their cabins and effects behind to be destroyed. It will be several weeks before the trains on the Mullen branch of the Northern Pacific will be running, owing to the long bridges burning out.

AN UGLY FIRE

That Threatened to Wipe Out a Pennsylvania Mountain Town.

ALTOONA, Pa., August 23.—At 7:30 o'clock this evening, a fire broke out in the Lyons tannery company's extensive buildings.

The town being poorly equipped with fire apparatus, the tannery was completely destroyed, and the flames communicated to the shed, which contained thirty thousand tons of bark. Assistance was asked of neighboring towns, and a steamer was sent from this city.

At 10 o'clock the fire was spreading through the bark sheds, but on the arrival of the Altoona engine soon after that hour it was gotten under control. The fire did not extend to the town, as had been feared. The loss will probably reach \$75,000.

A Home Made Desolate.

TRENTON, N. J., August 23.—John Albert Barnes to-day instituted proceedings for divorce against his wife, Helen Edith Barnes, naming ex-Mayor Frank A. Magowan as co-respondent. The petition is very brief. It charges the wife with having committed adultery with Magowan at the Hotel Anderson, Pittsburgh, on April 19, 1895; Hoffman House, New York, June 1; Hotel Imperial, June 26; Hotel Savor, New York, July 18; Hotel Windsor, New York, August 2, and at various times at Barnes' home in Trenton, during the month of July. Barnes asks for a divorce and the custody of his daughter, Beryl, who is now with her mother in New York.

Several Marriages in the Wealthy Rockefeller Family Announced.

NEW YORK, August 23.—The World to-morrow will say: Miss Emma Rockefeller, eldest of the four children of William G. Rockefeller, one of the two brothers who control the Standard Oil Company, is engaged to marry Dr. David Hunter McAlpin, jr., of this city, son of the millionaire tobacco manufacturer.

The wedding will, in all probability, be celebrated this fall. It will be one of the three weddings soon to be entered into by the children of John D. and William Rockefeller. Miss Edith Rockefeller, the youngest daughter of John D., whose engagement to Harold McCormick was announced last June, is to be married next month. William G. Rockefeller, cousin of Miss Edith and brother of Miss Emma, is soon to marry Miss Emma Stillman.

Defender All Right.

BOSTON, R. I., August 23.—The reports which have been printed regarding the condition of the yacht Defender were answered this afternoon by a statement made to an Associated Press representative, by President John R. Herreshoff, of the manufacturing company, in which he not only denied emphatically that there was any truth in these reports, but declared that the boat had more than met the highest expectations of her builders.

Racing Fireman Killed.

BRADFORD, Pa., August 23.—While running in a horse race at the Driving Park this afternoon Simon L. McMahon, of Salamanca, N. Y., fell and was fatally injured. He died an hour afterwards. Mart C. Husbelt, of the same place, was thrown, the cart, the wheels passing over his head and shoulders. His recovery is doubtful.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS RETURNS

From a Trip Abroad—Says the Pope Admires American Institutions.

NEW YORK, August 23.—After an absence of fifteen weeks Cardinal Gibbons returned from Europe to-day on the Campania. When the boarding officers reached the Campania, Cardinal Gibbons was seen on the upper deck talking to Bishop Foley, of Detroit, and Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco, and several other clerical men who were in the party.

When seen by a representative of the Associated Press Cardinal Gibbons said: "My visit to Rome had no special significance as it is customary for us to visit the Holy Father every eight or ten years, or perhaps oftener. I had several audiences with Pope Leo, the last one being on June 29. The Holy Father, although a little more stooped, looked much better and stronger than when I saw him last, eight years ago. He is a most remarkable man for his age, which is eighty-six years. His faculties are unimpaired and he is wonderfully bright. He generally converses in Latin, French or Italian, but he speaks very little English.

"He takes a deep interest in America and Americans and frequently expressed his admiration for our political institutions. He sent no special message to Americans through me, nor is there any reason for doing so at the present time. He wrote me a beautiful letter recommending summer schools and commending the Catholic University of America, and referred to the opening of several chairs in the university next October. In this letter he spoke very hopefully of the future of the university and mentioned the coming Catholic Congress to open next October in Washington."

The reporter asked the cardinal if he had heard of the Sunday closing crusade in New York.

"I have heard about it," he replied, "but have not paid a great deal of attention to it. I have the pleasure of knowing Mr. Roosevelt and think a great deal of him, as he is a sincere and thorough-going gentleman. Shortly before I left Baltimore, I expressed myself very freely in reference to the observance of the Lord's Day. I believe that in the interest of religion, in the first place, that the day should be properly observed in a quiet manner. It is necessary for us to have recreation, but we can have it without interfering with a thorough observance of the Lord's Day."

The cardinal did not care to express himself on the question of the Continental Sunday.

DISHONEST RACING

Nearly Causes a Riot at McKee's Rocks. All Bets Declared Off.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., August 23.—The McKee's Rocks races brought up in a general row this afternoon and a riot was only averted by the promise of the judges that the bookmakers should refund all money placed on the 2:14 pace, and that all bets on the race were off. Johnny B., a bay gelding, owned and driven by Mr. Wade, of Northampton, Mass., was the favorite in the race and won the first heat easily. The second heat was won by Brown Frank, a brown gelding, owned by B. Dempsey, of Springboro, Pa. The heat was protested by the turfmen, they claiming that Johnny B. was pulled.

The third heat was also won by Brown Frank, and under threats the judges declared all bets on the heat off. In scoring for the fourth heat Johnny B. cut himself, and was drawn, Brown Frank winning the heat.

At the close of the race the crowd broke down the fence and made a rush for the judges' stand, threatening to upset the stand and mob the judges. The police were powerless, and violence was only prevented by the judges declaring all bets off and the bookmakers agreeing to refund all money placed on the race.

Pennsylvania Pythians.

READING, Pa., August 23.—In the grand lodge meeting, K. of P., to-day there was another lengthy debate over the new code of rules, but the constitution was finally adopted. The following officers were installed: Grand chancellor, Charles G. F. Reed, No. 146, Philadelphia; grand vice chancellor, Dr. H. N. Dunnell, No. 233, Scranton; grand prolate, Charles F. Linden, No. 221, Philadelphia; grand keeper of records and seals, George F. Hawkes, No. 126, Philadelphia; grand master of exchequer, Julius Mountney, No. 166, Philadelphia; grand under grand, C. M. Deem, No. 65, Reading; grand trustee, John W. Deabo, No. 6, Philadelphia; supreme representative, H. O. Kline, No. 435, Bedford; grand inner guard, Scott D. Burt, Pittsburgh.

A Senseless Wager.

ST. JOHN'S, KAN., August 23.—William Ford, of the Central News Association, of London, England, passed through here to-day on his trip around North America on foot. He left the Sportsman's office in London, August 11, 1894, on a wager of \$2,500, to make the trip on foot around North America. He arrived at St. John this morning from the west, and left at noon on his way to Kansas City and New York.

Determined to Die.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 23.—J. W. Walker, of the firm of Steele & Walker, the largest general store in St. Joseph, and who has been a leading merchant of that city for years, was found dead in a bath room in the Midland hotel to-day. He had stepped into a tubful of water, and after taking carbolic acid, blew his brains out with a revolver. Domestic trouble is said to be the cause. He leaves a wife and five children.

Twenty Rattling Rounds.

BRADFORD, Pa., August 23.—Dick Moore, of Boston, and Billy Hennessy, of Clinton, Iowa, fought twenty rattling rounds, to a draw, here to-night, before the Central Athletic Club. The men were well matched. Hennessy broke his right hand in the thirteenth round, but gamely continued the fight.

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ESCAPED JAIL BIRDS

Battle With a Posse of U. S. Marshals in Indian Territory.

ONE DEPUTY MORTALLY WOUNDED.

Bob Christian, of the Bandit Gang, Unhorsed and Shot, but His Brother Rescues Him from the Officers and Escapes—The Outlaws are Now Surrounded Near Purcell, and It is Said That Their Capture is a Foregone Conclusion—Desperate Character of the Men.

ANDREWS, I. T., August 23.—An encounter between the noted Christian gang, who broke jail at Oklahoma City several months ago, and have since added to their numbers, and a posse of United States marshals in charge of Ben Goode occurred shortly after daylight this morning six miles west of Purcell, in which United States Marshal Jake Hooker was shot and mortally wounded and Bob Christian shot, but how serious his injuries are cannot be determined, for when his horse was cut down from under him and he was shot by Deputy Hooker, his brother, Bill Christian, rode out of a thicket, and placing his wounded brother on his horse ahead of him, the two made good time and escaped.

Hooker was shot by Bill Christian. After Hooker received his wounds, the other marshals turned their attention to the wounded officers and the outlaws saw a chance and they at once broke cover and fled.

At 10 o'clock United States Marshal Stowe received the following telegram from the United States commissioner at Purcell:

PURCELL, I. T., August 23.

Stowe, Marshal:

Send all deputies possible on the first train. Have the Christian gang surrounded six miles west of here. Fight this morning. Deputy Hooker and Bob Christian both shot. Quick work necessary.

[Signed] THOMPSON, Commander.

This information created great excitement. The two strong posess of marshals, one in charge of Commissioner Gibbons, of the Paris court, were organized and left at 10 o'clock to join in the chase. The latest advice from the scene is to the effect that marshals are in close pursuit and their capture is surely expected.

FULL OF GINGER.

A Madrid Paper on American Sympathy With Cuban Revolutionists.

MADRID, August 23.—In regard to the news that Estrada and other Cuban insurgent leaders are allowed to hold a meeting in a Forester hall "with the flag of the Cuban republic flying alongside the stars and stripes, culminating Spain, her army and Cuba, collecting money and recruiting men for rebellion," as announced in a dispatch received here, the Imparcial says:

"The government of America and its representatives may think as they like of this mode of understanding that neutrality to which they are bound; but, outside of them there is no man who supports fair play who will not censure the conduct of the government of the United States. If they continue to authorize such meetings, in which Spain and her army are insulted, and funds collected for expeditions against us, our course is clear, and Europe shall be made acquainted with how the United States understands their international obligations. Deeds and not words, acts and not promises, are what we want. Let us sacrifice everything rather than the honor of our country. Let us reach the most extreme disaster, if such is our lot, but let us not be deceived or degraded by any weakness."

A QUEER CASE.

A Preacher Kidnapped By a Man Claiming to Be an Officer.

OMAHA, NEB., August 23.—A kidnapped preacher, Rev. O. D. Taylor was due in Omaha to-day. The officers of the law and his attorneys have been anxiously scanning every incoming train in the hope of locating the reverend gentleman and extending to him the aid of the law for the purpose of extracting him from the clutches of a man by the name of Owen. Who this man Owen is, or why he maintains his grip on the preacher, no one in Omaha knows. As near as can be ascertained, he claims to be an officer of the law, who desires to place the preacher in legal custody. Taylor, at the time of his capture, was in Dallas, Oregon. Habeas corpus papers have been taken out.

Entirely Too Much Moisture.

SIoux CITY, IOWA, August 23.—There has been a terrific rainfall in northwestern Iowa during the last twenty-four hours. Onawana reports 7 1/2 inches with a government gauge and at Castnut a foot is reported to have fallen. Considerable damage has been done to crops by the enormous fall.

Steamship Arrivals.

NEW YORK.—The Canadian Campana, from Liverpool and Queenstown arrived to-day, making the trip in 5 days 9 hours and 6 minutes. Her last previous westward record was 5 days 8 hours and 29 minutes, made August 17 last year. On this trip the Campana has lowered her record by 25 minutes, and came within one hour and 41 minutes of the westward record, held by the Lusania.

NEW YORK.—Steamer Columbia, Hamburg. Southampton—Steamer Berlin, New York, for Antwerp.

LIVERPOOL.—Steamer Britannia, New York. Liverpool—Mississippi, New York. Hamburg—Normania, New York. Liverpool—Irenor, New Orleans. London—Mississippi, New York. Liverpool—Celtic, New York. Queenstown—Lusania, New York, for Liverpool and proceeded.

Weather: Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, generally fair, followed by showers Saturday afternoon, southerly winds, becoming southerly.

For Western Pennsylvania, fair, followed by showers in the afternoon, and southerly winds. For Ohio, fair followed by showers in the northern portion, southerly winds, becoming northwesterly.

THE TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

44. (Anchored by C. Schuyler, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets.)

7 A. M. Maximum temperature, 79. 8 P. M. Minimum temperature, 61.

9 A. M. Maximum temperature, 78. 7 P. M. Minimum temperature, 58.

12 M. Maximum temperature, 90. Weather—Fair.